

THOSE ARTFUL RASCALS

SOME TRICKS OF THEIRS THAT ARE ORIGINAL AND PECULIAR.

Watch Them Well and You May Save Your Watch, Adornments and Jewelry—Some Hints That May Be Found Useful.

From the New York Journal.

"A certain amount of care, combined with common sense and caution, will nullify the criminal," says R. J. Power-Berrey in his book just printed in England, entitled "The Bye Ways of Crime."

The list of crimes for which no one has been convicted, he shows, is a very lengthy one, and is being added to day after day, and will be added to so long as the public



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decline to take care of themselves or their property.

Here are a few extracts from his book designed to help people protect themselves against the most common up-to-date devices of criminals.

A pickpocket, when he sets out on a thieving expedition, is, whenever possible, accompanied by one or more confederates. The confederates serve two purposes, both very important. They, like all criminals,



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nals, know most of the detectives they have to deal with, and so are able to give the operator warning when danger threatens, while as soon as he makes a "haul" the thief turns the loot over to the watchmen, and thus secures himself in case he is arrested.

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The spoils are therefore rarely in the possession of the real thief for any length of time.

Women Assistants.

Sometimes a woman is used as a "cover," and one instance of this which came under notice occurred at a railway booking office. The woman was arguing some matter of a ticket with the clerk. Behind her came the thief, while next to him was a portly individual, whose wealth of chain denoted the presence of a valuable watch. Owing



"The umbrella thief can only operate successfully in wet weather."

to the crowd the three were very close together, and the thief, holding a cigar rather conspicuously in his left hand, reached round with his right and soon had the watch, which he promptly slipped into the woman's pocket, at the same time giving her the "office" to get out of the way.

Even if the man had been arrested he could not have been connected with the crime, for the property was then far away from him.

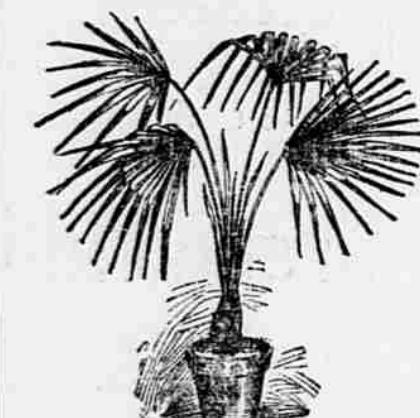
One individual invented a glove, in the palm of which was a small pocket. Probably this device would not have become known but for the fact that the thief, when closely pressed, dropped the glove at the edge of the footpath near a shop, from which several gold pencil cases had just been stolen. Protruding from the pocket were two of the pencil cases.

Thief's Glove.

The glove, it was ascertained, was used in this way: The thief, a well dressed

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500 Piano Stools, like cut, mahogany finish, adjustable seat, during this Sample Sale,

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His hands were always in sight, and when he had made a small purchase he left the shop, and of course nothing had been observed to arouse suspicion.

And now for another kind of sneak thief. Flower girls as a class are fairly honest, but now and again there are specimens who are exceptionally clever with their fingers. Pushing their wares, they will put a buttonhole bouquet under the nose of a gentleman in order that he might become enamored with the perfume, and while the flowers screen her other hand, she deftly lifts his pin.

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The leather is kept smeared with some adhesive substance, and when not in use is inclosed in a case. When manipulated by the thief the leather is merely pressed on to the coins which are in the glass, or, as is sometimes the case, which are care-

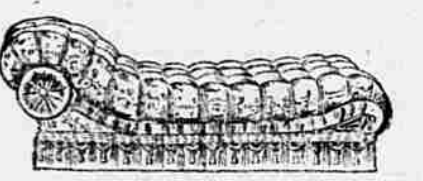
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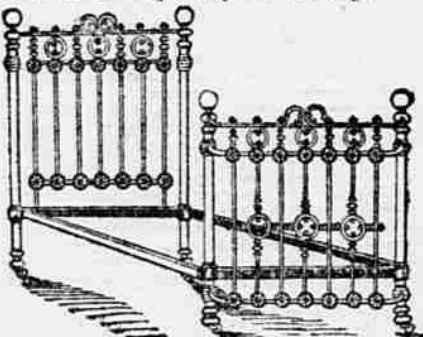
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Extraordinary value, sells regularly for \$18. Sample Sale Price.....

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Solid oak, with French plate mirror, like cut, fine polish finish, sells regularly for \$21.00. Sample Sale Price.....

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SAMPLE BED LOUNGE.

Covered in Silk Crushed Plush, best springs, sells regularly for \$12.50; Sample sale price.....

14 other Sample Bed Lounges equally as cheap.



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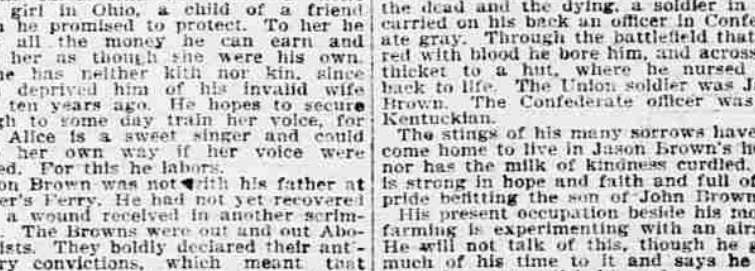
Solid Oak, with oval French plate mirror, like cut, sells regularly for \$17.00; Sample Sale price.....

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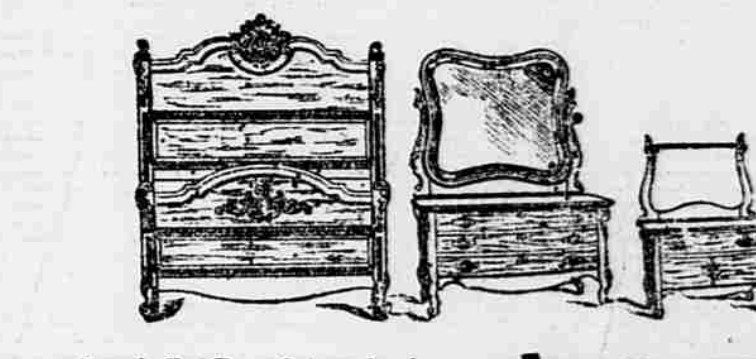
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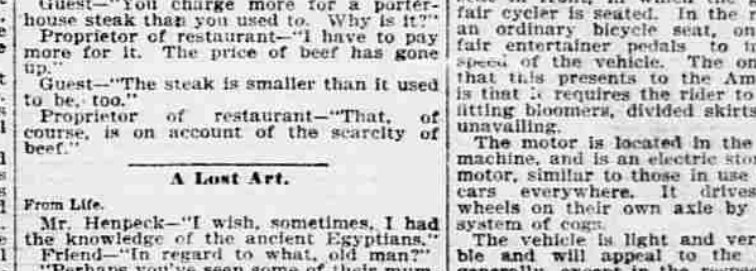
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SAMPLE CHINA CLOSET

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JOHN BROWN'S SON.

He Is Living a Hermit's Life on a Peak of Santa Cruz Mountains.

Living unknown on the topmost peak of the Santa Cruz mountains, in California, is a man whose ancestors helped to make two of the most thrilling pages in American history. One came over in the Mayflower with the Pilgrims and landed at Plymouth, the other made one of the bloodiest incidents of the civil war.

The man himself in his younger days underwent soul-stirring adventures. To-day he hopes strange hopes that illumine his life in its gathering shadows.

This man is Jason Brown, not merely one of the ubiquitous tribe of Browns, but the son of John Brown, of Harper's Ferry.

He succeeded, top, in the cause for which his father gave his life, though he was not called upon to yield up his own like father and brother, nor driven to insanity by the cruel treatment accorded to his other brother while in a Confederate jail.

Brown lives in a little cabin built by himself in the mountains. A tiny orchard, a small garden and a smaller grass plot are his cares. And the other-made one blind girl in Ohio, a child of a friend whom he promised to protect. To her he sends all the money he can earn and loves her as though she were his own.

For her he has neither kin nor kind, since death deprived him of his invalid wife some ten years ago. He hopes to secure enough to some day train her voice, for little Alice is a sweet singer and could make her own way if her voice were trained. For this he labors.

Jason Brown was not with his father at Harper's Ferry. He had not yet recovered from a wound received in another skirmish. The Browns were out and out Abolitionists. They boldly declared their anti-slavery convictions, which meant that they had to be constantly on the defensive.

One night a squad of "border ruffians" came upon Jason Brown and a companion. He was recognized as a friend of the slaves and fired upon. His companion escaped into the woods, but Jason, slightly wounded, was captured.

Among the "border ruffians" as the invaders were called, were hot-headed South-ers of birth and breeding. They bound

his wound, and, pale and weak from loss of blood, stood him up for a mock trial. To declare himself an abolitionist meant certain death. Yet without faltering Jason Brown declared that he believed God hated slavery, and that as long as he had breath in his body he would help destroy it.

The infuriated men called for a rope to hang him. The noise was about his neck when a breathless messenger rode up with a note to the leader. He read it, loosened the noose and gave Jason Brown his freedom.

Jason's companion had taken word to John Brown of his son's capture. John Brown recognized in the description of the

LEGS AS BAIT FOR LEECHES.

Farmers Waded In After Them and Gathered the Crop—Monopoly in Morocco.

The way that leech farmers go about their business is interesting. Having fenced and watered a suitable meadow, they proceed to sow it with leeches by scattering them broadcast on the land from sacks containing 1,000 leeches each. All that is necessary is to provide for the crop plenty of water and plenty of blood. The usual method of providing the latter was to drive old horses and cattle into the enclosure, but sometimes fresh blood from a slaughterhouse was supplied. When required, the leeches are caught by throwing a fresh sheepskin into the water. When the skin is taken out hundreds of leeches are found clinging to it, but a more primitive custom, and one still employed by collectors, is to wade in the water and allow the leeches to fix upon the bare legs.

Miss Mary Kingsley, in her "Travels in West Africa," relates that once, passing through a deep swamp, which reached to their thighs, they all got horribly infested with leeches, having a frill of them round their necks like astrakhan collars when they emerged.

The land leeches of the East are also troublesome to both cattle and men. So abundant are they in some parts that soldiers and workmen are sometimes fatally weakened by the minute but persistent blood-letting.

It is calculated that \$200,000 were used annually in France and England alone, single company in Australia used to export 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 per year to Europe and America. One Parisian capitalist turned that his leech crops returned him 15 to 1, and it is recorded that the monopoly of taking leeches in Morocco was once sold for \$100,000.

Explanatory.

From the Chicago Tribune.

Guest—"You charge more for a porter house steak than you used to. Why is it?"

Proprietor of restaurant—"I have to pay more for it. The price of beef has gone up."

Guest—"The steak is smaller than it used to be, too."

Proprietor of restaurant—"That, of course, is on account of the scarcity of beef."

A Lost Art.

From Life.

Mr. Henpeck—"I wish, sometimes, I had the knowledge of the ancient Egyptians."

Friend—"In regard to what, old man?"

"Perhaps you've seen some of their mummies. They understood how to make a woman dry up and remain so."

PARIS HAS NEW AUTOCYCLE.

It Is Popular There, but May Not Come Into Favor in the United States.

The latest application of the motor car in Paris is as striking as any that has yet been seen, though whether it will meet with the favor of other cities as it has with that of the gay Parisian capital is a question.

It is called the ladies' promenade auto-car, and it is a most elegant and pretty faces are alone necessary to launch a new invention into public favor this should be a great hit.

The car consists of a quadricycle with a



A NOVEL APPLICATION OF THE MOTOR CYCLE IN PARIS.

seat in front, in which the guest of the fair cyclist is seated. In the rear there is an ordinary bicycle seat, on which the fair entertainer pedals to increase the speed of the vehicle. The only difficulty that this presents to the American mind is that it requires the rider to wear tight-fitting blouses, divided skirts even being unavailing.

The motor is located in the rear of the machine, and is an electric storage battery motor, similar to those in use in the auto-cars everywhere. It drives the rear wheels on their own axle by means of a system of cog.

The vehicle is light and very comfortable and will appeal to the public very generally, except in the respect of the flimsy dress which it requires of its rider.